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COMMUNICATIONS

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EPA and DuPont Amend Washington Works PFOA Drinking Water Order - On January 9, EPA announced an amendment to the 2009 Safe Drinking Water Act consent order between EPA and DuPont which added the Chemours Company to the 2009 order, and requires both DuPont and Chemours to take additional actions to reduce exposure to PFOA in drinking water for residents in Ohio and West Virginia living near the Washington Works facility in Parkersburg, W. Va.

The amendment contains a new action level of .07 ppb of PFOA which triggers the temporary provision of an alternate source of drinking water by DuPont and Chemours. The temporary provision of drinking water will continue until a permanent alternate drinking water supply is provided. The amendment also expands the geographic areas to be investigated and requires appropriate action if levels of PFOA in drinking water of .07 ppb or more are discovered. The 2009 order had included a temporary action level of .40 ppb. In May 2016, EPA issued a health advisory which that established .07 ppb, of PFOA in drinking water as protective of human health. Articles appeared in the Charleston Gazette-Mail and the Parkersburg Sentinel News. (David Sternberg, 4-5548)

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ENFORCEMENT

David Sternberg: Criminal cases

All press officers: Program-specific civil cases

PRESS RELEASES

- Jan. 9** EPA Amends Drinking Water Order to DuPont (D’Andrea)
- Jan. 10** Clean Water Act Settlement with Pikewood National Golf Club Protects Wetlands in Morgantown, WV (Sternberg)
- Jan. 11** EPA and Green Building Council Announce LEED Certification for Ft. Meade Environmental Science Center (Sternberg)

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The Justice Department and EPA Reach Clean Water Act Settlement with Pepco to Reduce Pollution to Anacostia River (Sternberg)

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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